Centre takes over Immigration Functions at Attari, Wagah And Rajasansi

372. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether immigration functions at Attari (Rail), Wagah (land) checkposts and Rajasansi airport have been taken over from the Punjab Government by the Centre recently; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Immigration and Registration functions at the three Immigration checkposts *i.e.* Attari (Rail), Wagah (land) and Rajasansi airport and registration functions in the Amritsar district, have been taken over from the State Police by the Bureau of Immigration, an organisation meant for dealing with the immigration matters under the Central Government *w.e.f.* 15.7.2000. However, registration functions for Pakistan nationals has not been taken over and this continues to remain with the State Police.

Multi-purpose National Identity Cards

373. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether computer readable National Identity Cards are being issued and inventory of citizens/non-citizen is prepared;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the proposal is already dropped or decided to go slow; and

(d) the factual position and targeted action plan for its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) A professional consultancy firm has been entrusted with the task of preparation of detailed feasibility report in this ragard. This feasibility report is expected shortly. After the report is received, detailed consultations will be held with all the States/UTs on this matter.

Deportation of Bangladeshis

374. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladeshis in Delhi run into several lakhs and they have been staying for several years;